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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**KOKOMO MAN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR
POSSESSION OF FIREARM BY CONVICTED FELON**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that PRESTON STRINGER, 25, of Indianapolis, Indiana, was sentenced to five years imprisonment by U.S. District Judge John Daniel Tinder following his guilty plea to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. This case was investigated by the Kokomo Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives and was prosecuted as part of the Department of Justice's PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM to reduce gun violence

On January 8, 2004, Kokomo Police Department officers were called to Taylor and Jay Streets in Kokomo, Indiana, where shots were reported fired. Police located PRESTON STRINGER in the area and approached him. He ran. Police apprehended him and discovered

a loaded .32 caliber handgun. STRINGER admitted firing the weapon, telling police he had fired at someone who had earlier fired at him. STRINGER was previously convicted in state court of Criminal Recklessness in Howard County in 2003, in connection with the shooting death of a Kokomo woman in 2001.

According to Assistant United States Attorney James P. Hanlon, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Tinder also imposed three years supervised release following STRINGER 's release from imprisonment.

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